GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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Cargo Handling Facilities
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and utilised for upgradation of cargo handling facilities at all the major ports in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, port-wise;
(b) whether the Government has conducted any study to benchmark Indian ports against major International ports;
(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) Expansion, modernization and upgradation of Major Ports in the Country is an ongoing process to keep the Ports abreast with new technologies and also to meet trade (traffic) requirements. The process inter-alia involves construction of new berths and terminals, mechanization of existing berth and terminals, capital dredging for deepening of drafts for attracting large vessels in port channels, road and rail connectivity etc. Most of the infrastructure projects in ports are either awarded on PPP mode basis or most of the cost towards the projects is met out from the Ports' own internal resources. Government Budgetary Support (GBS) is given to ports in respect of some of the projects, basically relating to capital dredging, connectivity etc. The GBS granted to various ports under Annual Plan of the Ministry during last three years and the current year is as under:
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(IN RS. CRORE)
S. No. Name of Port 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
BE RE Utilization BE RE Utilization BE RE Utilization BE RE Utilization
1 Cochin 30.00 0.00 0.00 10.00 10.00 10.00 3.00 0.00 0.00 4.00 4.00
2 Visakhapatnam 50.00 50.00 50.00 50.00 50.00 50.00 13.59 13.59 13.59 0.00
3 V.O. Chidambaranar
(Tuticorin) 200.00 50.00 50.00 173.00 54.44 54.44 27.00 27.00 27.00 15.00 15.00
4 Chennai 15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 10.00 10.00 10.00 5.00 0.83
5 Mormugao 110.00 50.00 49.95 75.00 75.00 75.00 5.00 0.00 0.00 5.00 5.00
6 Paradip 0.00 0.00 0.0 17.00 17.00 17.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
TOTAL 405. 00 165.00 164.95 340.00 221.44 221.44 58.59 50.59 50.59 29.00 24.83
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(b)to(d):An international consultant was engaged to prepare a Quantitative Benchmarking Module which covered the operational, financial and human resources and efficiency related parameters for benchmarking the efficiency and productivity of Major Ports in India against international standards and to define Key Performance Indicators for the ports and terminals. The study covered marine operations, stevedoring, jetty operations, vessel operations Yard performance, Labor productivity, Cargo storage (containers & dry bulk only), rake operations (loading/unloading of rakes), maintenance (Equipment uptime and breakdowns), Gate-In and Gate-out operations, safety, customs and penetration of IT.On the basis of the quantitative and qualitative benchmarking carried out, a clear roadmap for improvement for each port has been laid out covering changes in the areas of core business processes, equipment, organization structure, people skills, information technology and infrastructure.

A total number of 119 new initiatives for 12 Major Ports has been identified which would increase the volume of traffic significantly. The roadmap for improvement has been suggested along with the timelines, approach and methodology for implementation. All the 119 recommendations are to be implemented by December 2019. Out of these, 35 have already been implemented. The implementation of these initiatives will furthers improve the efficiency and performance of the Ports.
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